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## Appendix A

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### Analysis of Scoping Comments

#### North Fork Aspen Regeneration Project

Two individuals/organizations commented during the public comment period of June 29, 2017 to July 31, 2017. The disposition of the comments are found in the Table below. The original comment letters are available in the project record.

#### Comment Analysis

| Commenter                                   | Comment  | Disposition   |
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| Gary Mcfarlane<br>Friends of the Clearwater | Nowhere in the forest plan or ... the Forest Service's Forest Habitat Types of Northern Idaho: A Second Approximation (GTR INT-236) is aspen even mentioned.   | <p>Although aspen is not specifically mentioned in the Forest Plan, the Forest Plan (Forest Goals, Wildlife 5.a, p. II-2) directs the forest to, "Provide habitat for viable populations of all indigenous wildlife species" Because aspen provides habitat for elk and other big game, as well as other wildlife species, such as Neotropical migratory birds, management of aspen, as proposed, is consistent with the Forest Plan.</p> <p>Aspen is identified in GTR INT-236 by its scientific name, <i>Populus tremuloides</i>. On page 1 of the report it states, "<i>Populus tremuloides</i>-dominated stands were considered to be short-lived seral stages; hence, no potential climax series was recognized for this species." While aspen is not discussed further in the report, this statement indicates that aspen, as a short-lived seral stage, was present in Northern Idaho, including the NP-CLW National Forest.</p> |
| Brad Smith,<br>Idaho Conservation<br>League | The Idaho Conservation League supports the proposed regeneration of aspen stands on Birch Ridge. In fact, we encourage the Forest Service to think bigger and explore more aspen regeneration opportunities on a larger scale. | Thank you for your support.   |